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Applicant: MUELLER et al. Conf.: UNASSIGNED
 Appl. No.: 09/868,845 Group: UNASSIGNED
 Filed: June 21, 2001 Examiner: UNASSIGNED
 For: SCANNING MICROSCOPIC METHOD HAVING HIGH
 AXIAL RESOLUTION

REQUEST FOR A CORRECTED OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Attached hereto is the Notification of Acceptance in
 connection with the above-identified application.

THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION(S) IS/ARE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED:

A REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE EXAMINATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371(f)
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It is respectfully requested that the U.S. Patent and
 Trademark Office forward/issue a new Notification of Acceptance to
 the undersigned attorney showing the correction(s) indicated
 above. Support for the correction(s) is readily apparent on the
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Respectfully submitted,

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NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371
AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495REVIEWED BY
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1. The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494), ☒ an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above-identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is **ACCEPTED** for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

2. The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

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DATE OF RECEIPT OF

35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS

07 SEPTEMBER 2001

DATE OF RECEIPT OF ALL

35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE "FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above-identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

3. ☒ A request for immediate examination under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) was received on 07/SEP/2001 and the application will be examined in turn.

4. The following items have been received:

- ☒ U.S. Basic National Fee.
- ☒ Copy of the international application.
- ☐ Translation of the international application into English.
- ☒ Oath or Declaration of inventors(s).
- ☐ Copy of Article 19 amendments. ☐ Translation of Article 19 amendments into English.
The Article 19 amendments ☐ have ☐ not been entered.
- ☒ The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any.
- ☒ Copy of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER).
☐ Translation of Annexes to the IPER into English.
The Annexes ☐ have ☒ not been entered.
- ☒ Preliminary amendment(s) filed 21 JUN 2001 and
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) filed and
- ☐ Assignment document.
- ☐ Power of Attorney and/or Change of Address.
- ☐ Substitute specification filed
- ☐ Indication of Small Entity Status.
- ☒ Priority Document.
- ☒ Copy of the International Search Report ☒ and copies of the references cited therein.
- ☒ Other: PGI REQUEST (PCT/RO/101)

Applicant is reminded that any communication to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5).

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
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PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED

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TITLE OF INVENTION

SCANNING MICROSCOPIC METHOD HAVING HIGH AXIAL RESOLUTION

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MUELLER, Juergen Rolf

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39 (1).
4. ☒ The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau. WO 00/37984
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. ☒ is transmitted herewith.
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
 - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 20. below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98-International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) w/ documents
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information:
 - 1.) Seven (7) sheets of Formal Drawings
 - 2.) PCT Request (PCT/RO/101)

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